**Persuasive**

**Writing Prompt**

**** Write your response to the writing prompt below.

 Give your writing a title.

 You may NOT use a dictionary or thesaurus. If you do not know how to spell a word, sound the word out and do the best you can.

 You may either print or write in cursive.

 Write clearly! If you make an error, simply erase it if it is in pencil. If the error is in ink, simply draw one line through the word/words.

**Sources:** Gun control articles and visual texts.

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Since the tragic shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary, the debate over gun control has heated up. The National Rifle Association is opposing any new gun control laws and wants armed guards at all schools, while President Obama supports banning automatic weapons and is skeptical that placing armed guards at schools is the solution to gun violence.

Write a persuasive essay in which you support or oppose new gun control laws and placing armed guards in schools. Include examples from the texts to support your position.

**Checklist for Your Writing:**

The following checklist will help you do your best work. Make sure you:

o Read the description of the task carefully

o Organize your writing with a strong introduction, body and conclusion.

o Relate the sequence of the significant event clearly.

o Use specific details and examples to support your writing fully.

o Use precise language that is appropriate for your audience and writing purpose.

o Vary your sentences to make your writing interesting to read.

o Check for mistakes in grammar, spelling punctuation, capitalization, and sentence

formation.